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Applicant: Fritz Schwertfeger                      Paper No:  
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Title: Method for Producing Organically Modified, Permanently Hydrophobic Aerogels

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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136 FOR A FIVE MONTH EXTENSION**  
**OF THE JUNE 24, 1999 DUE DATE FOR RESPONSE TO THE**  
**NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS**

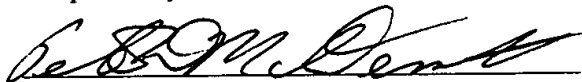
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Sir:

Applicants request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), a five-month extension of time in which to file a *Response to Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)*. The Notification of Missing Requirements was mailed on June 24, 1999. A response was originally due July 24, 1999 and, accordingly, is now due December 24, 1999. Such *Response* is filed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$1,850.00 large entity fee for the five month extension of time, and to charge any other required fees or credit any overpayment in connection with this filing to **Deposit Account No. 19-0733**.

Respectfully submitted,



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